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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Examiner's Final Rejection dated May 25, 1999, Applicant amends this case as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Rewrite claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A thermoplastic molding process comprising the steps of:

selecting a thermoplastic extrusion die for [the extrusion of] extruding a slab of thermoplastic [slab] material, said extrusion die having a plurality of adjustable die gates therein placed adjacent to each other and separately adjustable for varying the thickness of the extrud[ed]ing material in different parts of the extruded slab;

adjusting the thermoplastic extrusion die plurality of adjustable die gates for varying [the] thickness of the extruded

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